

District III Advisory Board Minutes

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**November 2, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

**Wichita WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Wichita WATER Center at 101 E Pawnee. The District III City Council member, Jim Skelton and ten (10) District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Two (2) city staff were present and approximately eleven (11) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Judy Dillard
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Joann Hartig
John Kemp
Dewayne Kitchen
Gerry Myers
Jesse Sheffield
William Ward
Jim Skelton

Members Absent

Danny Harshbarger-Youth Rep
Matt Foley

Staff Present

Officer Lisa Rollins
Vicki Mork

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council member Jim Skelton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Foster (Myers) moved that the minutes from the October 5, 2005 meeting be accepted. Minutes approved.

Action: Received and filed.

Public Agenda

1. **Marcella Phillips, 211 S. Edgemoor** spoke against moving the Patrol East Substation. She reported crime in the area, a neighbor was robbed and she lost two lawn chairs off her front

porch. She thinks this high traffic area needs a minimally operated Patrol East Sub-Station. She understands the need for a station further east.

Councilman Skelton says he understands the need for Police presence in the area. He believes larger community input is needed on the issue. To date the Wichita Police Department and the City Manager's Office have not approached the Council requesting the East Patrol Sub Station be moved to the recently purchased park land at Central and Greenwich Road. Jim said he is not in favor of hollowing out emergency services from the inner city.

Elena Ingle, 3608 Meadow Lane asked if all of the District III Neighborhood Associations were going to get together and work on a petition calling for a new fire station in the South City Area. **Skelton** said he was very supportive of this and encouraged all District III neighborhood associations to work on this.

Foster said at last Fabrique Neighborhood Association meeting many people in attendance voiced support for keeping Patrol East open at the same location. **Kemp** is in favor of beginning efforts to lobby for a South City Fire Station. He thinks the efforts should begin now and suggests efforts be run like a campaign. **Sheffield** showed petitions for South City Fire Station and has them available.

Meyers commented in relation to Patrol East, he supports making another Police sub-station and he doesn't see the need to close this one. He suggests the City keep the present East Patrol open and build another one further east. **Skelton** cautioned everyone to not get too carried away about moving or closing Patrol East, as there are no plans to make any changes. There is currently no timetable at this time as no request has been made to the Council yet.

Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

2. Community Policing

Wichita Police Officer, Lisa Rollins Beat 29 says she also supports a new sub-station near E Central and Greenwich as that area is close to her home. Reporting on Beat 29 she said last week a new business was burglarized in the 600 E. 47th Street South that reminded her of a trend from a couple years ago when burglars victimized strip malls at 47th and Broadway. She and Officer Inkelaar conducted a seat belt check at 55th Street South and Seneca. White Elementary has been receiving more complaint calls due to the increased traffic. She said the Church and neighbors in area of the sexually oriented business at 5858 S. Broadway were going to be very happy when it moved.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

3. Sedgwick County Emergency Management

Randall Duncan, Director presented information on Sedgwick County's management of Emergency Services. He began by explaining there are four phases of Emergency Management: 1) Mitigation is prevention or impact lessened; 2) Preparedness contains three components planning, training and response; 3) Recovery is to return community to condition prior to disaster; 4) Implementary phases identify, mitigate, plan, train, conduct exercise and improve.

Differences between day-to-day emergencies and disasters: disasters present emergencies beyond ability of local jurisdiction, a resource challenge, legal authority, and technical capability challenge. He showed a map of Presidential Disaster Declarations in Kansas from 1965-1998. He noted that most declared areas are near concentrated populations and rivers.

Implementary local response begins with local authorities then state government next level of resources the Federal government. They are very important as they bring the money.

Sedgwick County top 5 Hazards: 1) Floods; 2) Tornadoes; 3) Storms (winter/summer); 4) Drought; 5) Earthquakes. We set on a fault line that produces tremors. However they are below level 3. New Madrid fault runs along side Mississippi River. The last known activity of the fault was in 1800's; 6) Homeland Security is the newest hazard and most of the funding comes from federal government.

Foster asked about Sedgwick County response to a possible flu pandemic and biohazards. **Duncan** explained the Metropolitan Medical Response System.

Sheffield asked if the two schools in South City area would be designated shelter for tornadoes. **Duncan** said no, that Sedgwick County couldn't guarantee the schools would be open when needed in response to a disaster. **Sheffield** asked if they would be open after a disaster and **Duncan** replied no they would not but people need to develop a family disaster plan which would include a predetermined family meeting place at a designated location.

Kitchen asked is there was a disaster response plan for bird flu pandemic. **Duncan** said Sedgwick County is working on that issue at this time. **Hartig** reported she completed Community Emergency Response Training and she recommended it. **Duncan** said the training is a great approach for neighborhoods. Interested persons can call Sedgwick County Emergency Management at 660-5959 for more information or to schedule a speaker. Materials available can be downloaded from the Sedgwick County web site.

Ward said if something happens under homeland section, how would the public be notified. **Duncan** says there is a process. Specific credible event is ascertained, threat level increased and relayed to citizens.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Board Agenda

4. Updates, Issues and Reports

Jim Skelton gave Citizen's Academy an endorsement.

Kemp reported K-15 neighborhood is very safe. New management at two manufacturing housing parks on 31st Street recently partnered with Community Policing Officer Jerrell by making space available for a "Cop Shop" in their office. They will also allow K-15 Neighborhood Association to work with residents. First goal is to set up Neighborhood Watch programs within the park. Their first meeting is November 17th at 6:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Park management will provide translator and will translate brochures etc. to Spanish.

Hartig reported 3 houses in her neighborhood are set for condemnation. She recommends Citizen Police Academy, Citizens Academy and CERT Training.

Dillard said South Area Neighborhood is quiet.

Gulick representing Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association says the neighborhood is quiet and has a low crime rate. The annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be November 15th. Everyone is invited and please bring a dish. Chris Carrier will attend to discuss flood control. **Skelton** says it is the City's policy to buy houses located in 100 year flood plains. Neighborhood clean up is November 5th. They have joined forces with Meadowlark NA and adopted Griffith School. The first project is Kleenex - everyone is to bring box of Kleenex to the next neighborhood association meeting to be given to the school.

Foster said the presentation at Fabrique Neighborhood Association from Sarah Skelton, USD 259 School Board member and Jim Skelton's wife, regarding Caldwell and Curtis Schools was very informative.

Meyers representing Mead Neighborhood Association said they will not hold November or December neighborhood association meetings. They will support efforts for South City Fire Station

Kitchen said Planeview's clean up was last weekend. Fourteen skids were filled. The flyer was translated in Spanish. Wichita Police Officers helped with traffic but no other city staff were present but no one was requested either. The newsletter will be printed every other month because it's difficult to deliver to everyone. Jr ROTC worked hard helping with the clean up and they did an excellent job. Neighborhood participation was strong but they are having a hard time with attendance at Neighborhood Association meetings.

Cook representative for South Central Progressive Association said they had their clean up last Saturday, October 29th. Steering committee meetings are being held for the South

Central Neighborhood Plan and they are working toward getting the Neighborhood Revitalization plan ready for Council adoption next spring.

Sheffield is working with Anderson Elementary School to distribute newsletter. He also reported on Pawnee improvements and is working on a petition drive for a South City Fire Station.

Skelton reported his neighborhood association the E. Mt. Vernon NA will meet on November 3rd and there will be a chili feed at 6:30 p.m.

Kemp, as District III representative to the Park Board, provided an update on proposed changes to Watson Park. A new entry to the park is being constructed off of McLean Boulevard. Construction will begin in March 2006 with other improvements planned for the train and pony rides also.

Skelton said the next constituent breakfast meeting will be held in January but the exact date is unknown at this time. He also reported Joyland has new owners. The company buys older amusement parks and refurbishes them. Skelton wants to feature them at January's breakfast meeting. Owners are also considering a hotel development nearby and they are looking at available city incentives. He also endorsed the Wichita Independent Neighborhood (WIN) and their Neighborhood University. They have Bloom Grants available for Neighborhood Associations and they are a good deal.

Skelton reported on the South Wichita and Haysville Area Plan meeting that was held two weeks ago with Paul Gray and Tim Norton. There were 50-60 people there and he wants to continue the process. He is interested in paving dirt roads in South Wichita. Post cards will send out for next meeting after a date is set. He is looking for citizen participation to increase and improve.

Skelton continued saying there was an arena meeting between City and Council yesterday. There are concerns with traffic and parking but no decision has been made yet.

He also brought up the matter of the Boat House. Pointed out it was property that was acquired by the City and it's a liability to staff and maintain. It is proposed to build world class building that will add to the tax base for City of Wichita.

Gulick asked what incentives had been given and **Skelton** responded nothing has been mentioned. **Kemp** asked what will happen to the boat, he doesn't see razing the building as freeing up that much space. **Foster** says keep the boathouse. **Dillard** is opposed to tearing down the boat house and doesn't want to see more riverbank turned over to commercial development. **Cook** is in favor of the Boathouse staying. **Elena Ingle** is concerned about height of proposed building. Wichita State University uses the area for rowing. She is not in favor of Lewis Street becoming more congested.

Pat Pickard, 2928 Dunham is concerned about flood control at Joyland. **Gerald Hall, 4121 Whitney** is concerned about another hotel. **Kitchen** expressed a casino is needed.

Skelton asked about DAB meeting frequency. He encouraged board members to help with suggestions for programs and topics to be examined at the meetings. It was decided to hold a second DAB meeting on an as needed basis. The jail tour will be November 17 at 1:00 p.m. Second DAB meetings for November and December have been canceled.

Kitchen suggested a presentation on the new youth detention facility being built on South Hydraulic when it is completed.

Recommended Action: Address each item as appropriate.

5. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be December 7, 2005 at the Water Center 101 E. Pawnee at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned

No Action Required

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

Visitors

Larry & Kathy Manny	1116 Alturas	67216
Annette Schoenthaler	1314 Galena	67216
Betty Strickland	1302 Galena	67216
Joe Fleming	5145 S. Ash	67216
Marcella Phillips	211 S. Edgemoor	67218
Franklin Berquist	4255 Laura Circle	67216
Donna Taylor	6555 S. Hydraulic	67216
Pat Pickard	2928 Dunham	67216
Gerald Hall	4121 Whitney	67210